

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 and replace it with the following:

The present application is related to commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/697,579 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC COMMAND LINE PARSING IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE PLUG-IN COMPONENTS[.]" now abandoned, 09/697,449 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS TO DYNAMICALLY ORDER FEATURES AND TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN A MULTIPLE-LAYER LOGICAL VOLUME MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT", and 09/697,450 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR VOLUME CREATION IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE AGGREGATORS", filed on October 26, 2000, and 09/734,811 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS TO EXTEND THE LOGIC VOLUME MANAGER MODEL TO ALLOW DEVICE MANAGEMENT PLUG-INS", filed on an even date herewith, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 31 and replace it with the following:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/561,184 (now abandoned) _____
(~~Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0215-US1~~), which is hereby incorporated by reference, discloses a multi-layer logical volume management system for an LVM in the OS/2 operating system. Similar systems can be extended to handle multiple levels of aggregation in other operating systems.

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